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E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: CGEN, PGOV, GE, US, BQG
SUBJECT: US-GDR CONSULAR CONVENTION: TALKING POINTS

REFS: (A) BONN 15388, (B) STATE 215052,
(C) STATE 213663, (D) BERLIN 5506

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES EMBASSY BONN'S EFFORTS
(REF A) TO DEVELOP TALKING POINTS THAT WILL FACILITATE
FRG ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSED LANGUAGE ON "CIRCLE
OF CONCERNED PERSONS". AT SAME TIME, IT IS OUR
VIEW THAT TALKING POINTS PROVIDED IN REFS B AND C
SHOULD BE ADEQUATE TO THE JOB.
2. WE WOULD NOTE THAT THE PROPOSED SECOND TALKING
POINT IN REF A IS NOT QUITE ACCURATE. WHEN THE
AMBASSADOR SAW DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MOLDT
JANUARY 10, THE LATTER NOTED THAT THE DRAFT STATEMENT
WE PRESENTED AT THAT TIME REPRESENTED A "RETROGRESSION"
FROM THE AGREED MINUTE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS
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WHICH DOES REFER TO "SENDING STATE CITIZENS" (BERLIN 0224,
PARA 17). IN THIS SENSE, THEREFORE, THE EAST GERMANS
HAVE MADE THE POINT TO US, ALTHOUGH NOT IN ORDER TO
CLAIM THAT THE U.S. ACCEPTS THE GDR VIEW ON THE
NATIONALITY ISSUE. WE HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING HERE
WHETHER THE GDR HAS USED THE AGREED MINUTE IN
DISCUSSIONS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES. IN MORE GENERAL TERMS,

FONMIN FISCHER, WHEN AMB PAID INITIAL CALL AUGUST 19, 1977, SAID THERE ARE NO STATES WITHOUT CITIZENS (77 BERLIN 6855, PARA 19), AND WE THINK IT MOST UNLIKELY THAT GDR WOULD ACCEDE TO ANY WORDING THAT DID NOT REFER TO CITIZENS.

3. IN SUM, WE WOULD FEEL MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE IF U.S. EMBASSY BONN GROUP REPRESENTATIVE WOULD USE THOSE TALKING POINTS AS DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT, ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT PRETEND TO KNOW THE MENTALITY OF THE LEGAL PURISTS IN THE FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY.
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